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PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

If you have a query or need advice re: social functions and fundraisers, please direct these to one of the following:

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DATE CLAIMERS

Assembly
Friday 2:30pm O’Dea Centre
ALL WELCOME

2012 TERM DATES

TERM 1..Jan 24 – March 30
TERM 2..April 16 - June 22
TERM 3..July 9 - Sept 21
TERM 4..Oct 8 - Dec 7 (12noon)

“Laugh, even when you feel too sick or too worn out or tired.
Smile, even when you're trying not to cry and the tears are blurring your vision.
Sing, even when people stare at you and tell you your voice is bad.
Trust, even when your heart begs you not to.
Twirl, even when your mind makes no sense of what you see.
Frolic, even when you are made fun of; Kiss, even when others are watching.
Sleep, even when you're afraid of what the dreams might bring.
Run, even when it feels like you can’t run any more.
And, always, remember, even when the memories pinch your heart. Because the pain of all your experience is what makes you the person you are now.
And without your experience......you are an empty page, a blank notebook, a missing lyric.
What makes you brave is your willingness to live through life and hold your head up high the next day. So don’t live life in fear.
Because you are stronger now, after all the challenges have happened, than you ever were back before it started.”

Alysha Speer
REDLAND’S HEALTHIEST SCHOOL AWARD
Over the next 2 weeks we will be participating in this competition. Today the students were informed and entertained by the Boogie Woogies. Using dance, song and magic, the band gave our students tips on healthy breakfasts, healthy school lunch boxes, the difference between sometime snacks e.g. lollies and biscuits and everyday foods e.g. the ones from the 5 food groups and the importance of exercise. The theme is Eat Smart Be Active.

Starting next Monday, we are implementing “Nude Food Lunch Boxes” – no packets, glad wrap etc. Each day we will count the number of packets, plastics etc brought in. The year level with the least number of packets, plastic, glad wrap etc over a 2 week period will receive a prize.

A MESSAGE FROM THE GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR
We are now into our second week of the Bounce Back program at Star of the Sea. With lots of discussion about responsibility, honesty, fairness and support in the learning areas, our students are learning some key values to help them be helpful young community members.

Bounce Back is an Australian program developed by psychologists Toni Noble and Helen McGrath. McGrath was recently acknowledged in the Australian newspaper for her views on parenting. In this article, she was quoted on her idea of a dream parent: “An advocate for their child, but one who does so with courtesy. They’ll respect the teacher’s right to teach. And they don’t want the school to fix a friendship fallout. There are lots of normal experiences kids have to go through. Parents are feeling too much through the minds of their children; they shouldn’t think they have to respond emotionally.”

Some of us, as adults, may recall the relatively recent times where children were taught that they were ‘special’ and bigger and better than others. Unfortunately this approach, among other things, has been attributed to the rise in mental health issues (once reality hits) and narcissism, sometimes referred to as ‘generation me’. Through the Bounce Back program, teachers are encouraging students to empathise and reflect on how their actions impact on others. Through explicitly teaching these values, it is hoped that our students will have an increased sense of how they can contribute positively to the home, school and, ultimately, the wider community.

Kathy Casley  Guidance Counsellor

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION
This is a reminder that at 9am on Monday, 30th April there will be a parent information session on the Bounce Back program and home reading presented by Kathy Casley and Kylie Williamson.

REQUEST FROM SNUG HARBOUR
We are requesting items that you no longer require at home that can be used in the children’s play at lunch-times to promote creativity, teamwork and turn-taking. Such items may include large pieces of fabric, dress-up clothes, chalk, large cardboard boxes, etc. These items would need to be ones that will not leave litter in the school grounds and could be easily packed away. Please deliver any suitable items to Kathy Casley at Snug Harbour on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.

QUEEN STREET
Please be aware and very careful when dropping off and picking up each school day. One of our neighbours reported that she was almost run over last Tuesday afternoon.

SOCCER CLINIC
The after school soccer clinic was to commence next Monday 30th April at 3:00pm. We have moved it to a new starting date – MONDAY 14th MAY. To date we have received only 5 enrolment forms. They will run the clinic but require a minimum of 8 students. The forms are available from the school office.
MEET WITH FR FRANK
At a PCG meeting at the end of last term, Fr Frank joined us to discuss some religious education for parents. The suggestions made during this time included a forum type session where parents could ask their own questions and seek clarification on the Catholic Church. The date has been selected – Tuesday 22nd May from 9am to 10am. Morning tea will also be served.

INTER-HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY
Children are able to wear sports shoes tomorrow to school but no spikes. Red, blue or yellow T-shirts or polos can be worn depending on the house they are in. The face painting and hair spraying will commence at 8:20am outside The Lighthouse. The cost is $2 and the funds raised are being directed to the Year 5 and 6 camp in October this year.

The children will then move into the O’Dea Centre until the school bell rings. The classes will move inside until the roll is recorded. We would love the help of parents to erect the marquees on the front oval from 8:30am. We are also looking for some energetic Mums and Dads who can be the rabbits for our littler greyhounds as they run the course. The sausage sizzle will be served at 10:45am and a reminder that it is FREE.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION
The First Eucharist ceremony will be on Saturday 18th August 2012 at 3:30pm in the Star of the Sea Church. Registration for the classes has commenced. Forms are available from the Star of the Sea parish office, which is open 9:00am – 3:00pm Monday to Fridays. The completed forms must be returned with a copy of the child's baptism certificate and the registration fee, no later than the last day of term 2 – Friday June 22nd.

The classes will be held on Saturday afternoons 3:30pm to 5:30pm commencing on 21st July. Parents are required to attend the Saturday evening 5:00pm Mass for the duration of the classes. Parent information session is Monday 16th July at 7:30pm. There are 4 classes for the children and attendance at each class is mandatory. Further information please contact Trina Cambourne, Parish Mission Director on 0419 991 491.

BOOK COVERING WORKING BEE
We have some new books which need to be covered and would love some parents to help on Monday 30th April from 2pm to 3pm.

Lots of Year 1 mums come at 2:30pm to read with children and change home readers so perhaps you could pop in for a half hour beforehand.
MOTHER’S DAY MASS
On Saturday 12th May at the 5.30pm Mass we will be celebrating Mother’s Day! If you are attending and your child would like to be involved please email pcleveland@bne.catholic.edu.au by Wednesday 2nd May.

PREP 2013 ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS
Interviews for siblings continue next week. Letters to families who have a child baptized Catholic will be posted next week.

School Photo Day is on Monday 14th May 2012. A Flyer/envelope for each student was sent home last week explaining the products available. Please ensure that each student returns his/her own envelope even if payment is made in the eldest child’s envelope. Envelopes are not to be placed inside other envelopes.

Students are to return envelopes BEFORE Photo Day. Photos envelopes will not be accepted by office staff on the day of photos.

We have an automated system for payments by credit card. You can go online to www.advancedlife.com.au for easy to understand payment instructions. You will receive a receipt number which MUST be written on the order envelope in the space provided. You can also make payments by cash, cheque or money order.

Sibling Photos are also available for students at the school, please collect a “sibling order” envelope from your school & return it to the office.

Please don’t hesitate to contact Advanced Life Photography if you have any queries. We look forward to seeing all your smiling faces!

Your Team from Advanced Life Photography

PREP – It’s been another great week in Prep. We have been looking at the letter ‘m’ and thinking of lots of words that begin with it. We have also been looking at the number 7 and putting the numbers from 1 to 7 in order.

We have been very busy learning all about ANZAC Day and making ANZAC biscuits. They were yummy! We have also been making bands to go around our hats in our team colours in readiness for tomorrow’s Cross Country! It will be our first big run! We hope lots of Mums and Dads can come along to cheer us on.

Don’t forget that if you get to school early enough on Friday morning, you can have your hair spray painted and your face painted in your team’s colour. It will cost $2 and will take place outside the Lighthouse (near the O’Dea Centre). Good luck everyone and remember it doesn’t matter if you win or lose, so long as you try your best.

YEAR 1 – This week in Year One we have been continuing our learning about the Olympics and Countries! We are really starting to get an awesome grasp on what the Olympics are all about. We have also been coming up with some pretty creative ideas for how we can demonstrate our Olympic knowledge like our ‘Giant Rings’ and our ‘Countdown Poster’. This week has also been filled with other exciting events, not just the Olympics! Can you believe it? There is a world outside of the Olympics!!

On Tuesday we were lucky enough to spend the day learning all about our ‘ANZAC’ history and the meaning of many ‘Anzac’ symbols. We even made our own Anzac Biscuits......
were delicious!!!! On Thursday we continued our Olympic Explorations with a slight interruption in our day, but it was a good interruption! The Boogie Woogie’s came to Star of the Sea! It was pretty cool, they sang songs and taught us some pretty groovy dance moves!

Finally, tomorrow is of course the Star of the Sea Cross Country Extravaganza!!!!!!! We are so excited to see all the costumes, hear all the cheers and race in the day’s events! We have been training hard in year one so look out......we are fit and speedy! We wonder which team will win tomorrow.......Elandra?? Iluka?? or.......BARINYA?? Miss Manicaros is in Elandra so she will be cheering for them.......and Miss Foy is in Barinya so we know she will be going crazy for all the little yellows! Don't worry our little Ilukians, your teachers will cheer for you too!

Well that’s all for now, enjoy the sausage sizzle tomorrow and we will chat again next week!

Love Year One.

YEAR 2 - During discovery this week, we started with the question - What do you want to learn about the Redlands? The students then came up with some great ideas about discovering things about their community. Some questions that came up were - Who made up the name Redlands? What are some of the special buildings in the Redlands? What were some of the first buildings? When was the lighthouse built? Why did they build a lighthouse? How is Redlands different to other places? Who lived in the Redlands in the olden days? Plus more....

Over the coming weeks, we ask any parents/grandparents who grew up in the Redlands or who know some of the history of the Redlands, to talk to their children about what they remember from the past. You might be able to answer some of the questions. Later in the term we plan to go for a walk around the community with a long time resident of the Redlands so we can learn more about the place where we live. More information to come...

Today we discovered there was another Star of the Sea Church before the present one. We went to the church grounds and compared the present church with a painting of the Church from the past. We completed a Venn Diagram to find the differences and similarities between the two churches. Noah told us that the old church used to be about where the Year 1 classroom is now. We look forward to Father Frank visiting our classroom this afternoon so he can tell us more about the history of Star of the Sea Church and Parish.

Year 2 are now on twitter! Over the next few weeks we will start to discover how to tweet! If you would like to become one of our followers check us out @Year2SOTS1.

We look forward to the Cross Country tomorrow. Don't forget that it is at Star of the Sea this year! Make sure you bring your hat, water bottle, sunscreen and be ready to run your hardest and may the best and fairest team win!!! Go BARINYA!!!! and ELANDRA!!!! and ILUKA!!!!

YEAR 3 - We've done the full cycle of times tables and we're back to the 2's. This time around there's so much more confidence and everyone’s enjoying themselves. This makes it easier to learn all our other maths. We know many of you saw the Measurement Video last week (the link is still on moodle) and this week we extended that with an introduction to the Centimeter. Some people already knew that “centi” means “hundredth” and they very helpfully explained to everyone.

Now we've started writing full persuasive essays. So far in pairs, but some people will be writing their own very soon. Some of the reasoning and the arguments that people put up is
very impressive. It's so great to have students that think laterally and come up with twists and hooks to keep their readers interested. That is so persuasive!

In Year 3 our Aboriginal Unit is well under way. In Tuesday's discovery learning we investigated lots of the customs, food, tribal names and languages, hunting practices and many other aspects of the culture of Indigenous groups from our local area and from Stradbroke Island. Then to top that off, Mr Hancock brought in his didgeridoo and we went down under the stringybarks. Micah demonstrated the instrument for us and we read about the Dreaming.

Everyone is very excited about the cross-country tomorrow – even it did mean that homework had to be in one day earlier. Good luck to everyone – we are looking forward to seeing lots of cheering family members – it should be a great day.

YEAR 4, 5 & 6 - This week, all children were made to put their ‘dissected’ laptops back together! We spent Tuesday morning, looking at photos and notes taken during the dissection, in an effort to ensure our computers may once again work! The children did an unbelievable job, and were quite the IT gurus! We found it very hard to fix the laptops (even with sticky tape!), but the desktop towers were much more successful! We only had some screws left! Have a look at some of the groups effort...well done everyone!

On Tuesday, we celebrated Anzac Day in the classroom. This year, we had the pleasure of sharing our knowledge of Anzac Day with our new class friends who have joined us from America. We completed many discovery tasks, including writing a letter to a soldier who is currently serving overseas. We found this letter quite hard to write... but we are sure Australian soldiers will be delighted to receive anything from us!

Science was great this week! Year 4s worked on Food Chains, and will be starting to recognise and research food chains of specific animals. Years 5 and 6 continued with their study of matter...solids, liquids and gases. The children were so interested in this that they were keen to look at the periodic table...high school work! We made pancakes and jelly, and looked at changing substances from a solid, to a liquid and then to a gas.

Don't forget about face painting and hairspray tomorrow...just $2!